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## TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE PLYMPTON ST. MARY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

### Preface

MR. CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS,

I present herewith the Annual Report on the health of the District during 1969. Included in the Report is the Report of your Senior Public Health Inspector.

It is with deep regret I have to record that before this Report was completed your Senior Public Health Inspector collapsed and died. Mr. Osborne had already written his section of the Report and for that reason I've let it go forward in his name as a tribute to his memory.

### Statistics

The Registrar-General estimated that the population dropped by 900 persons to 13,720 persons. Although the Standardised Birth Rate increased to 14.7 per thousand population, it is lower than the National Average of 16.3. The Death Rate remained the same as last year, at 10.5 per thousand population, and is a little below the National Average of 11.9.

The principal causes of death were Cardiovascular Diseases (57%), Cancer (21%) and Chest Infections (10%). Cancer showed a 3% increase over the previous year, but Chest Infections dropped by 7%. No deaths were reported from Influenza. Two infants died, one due to a birth injury and the other due to a congenital defect.

### Notifiable Diseases

Very few cases were notified, the most in number being 33 for Measles. Now that vaccination against measles is taking place, it is anticipated that this disease will become rare. A note about Salmonellosis on farms is included under the Infectious Diseases section of this Report.

### Environmental Health

Because the largest slaughterhouse in the district (at Ermington) closed down in April, 1969, it gave your two Inspectors more time for other duties, such as the inspection of food premises. However, there was a backlog of outstanding inspections arising from illness of your Chief Senior Health Inspector in 1968, so that although much was achieved in 1969 many food premises remained uninspected at the end of the year. This is an unsatisfactory state of affairs. It ought to be possible for your Inspectors to have sufficient time to pay regular routine calls at all food premises in an advisory capacity, thus very often preventing things going wrong which would otherwise lead to the receipt of complaints. These facts underline the need for two fully operational Public Health Inspectors in your district.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all my colleagues on the staff and the Councillors for their help and guidance during 1969.

JOHN WILDMAN,

*October, 1970*

*Medical Officer of Health.*

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**PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

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MARY E. BUDDING, M.B., B.CH., B.SC., D.P.H.

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WORKS COMMITTEE

PLANNING COMMITTEE.

## SECTION 'A'

### VITAL AND GENERAL STATISTICS, 1969

**Table 1**

*Figures for 1968 shown in italics*

#### POPULATION

Estimated Mid-Year: 13,720 *14,620* (Registrar-General's estimate)

#### GENERAL STATISTICS

Area: 60,167 acres

Number of Inhabited Houses according to the Rate Books at

1st April .. .. . 5,178 *5,084*

Number of Houses per acre .. .. . 0.086 *0.085*

Number of Persons per acre .. .. . 0.228 *0.273*

Number of Persons per house .. .. . 2.650 *2.876*

Rateable Value of the District at 1st April

£585,699 *£563,408*

Sum represented by a Penny Rate .. .. . £2,356 *£2,422*

**Table 2**

*Figures for 1968 shown in italics*

#### BIRTHS

*Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population* 14.7 *14.1*

Area Comparability Factor for Births .. 1.03 *1.03*

| <i>Number of Live Births</i>          | <i>Males</i> | <i>Females</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| <i>Total</i> .. .. .                  | 108          | 88             | 196          |
| <i>Legitimate</i> .. .. .             | 105          | 83             | 188          |
| <i>Illegitimate</i> .. .. .           | 3            | 5              | 8            |
| <i>Number of Still Births</i> .. .. . | 2            | 0              | 2            |

#### DEATHS

*Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population* 10.5 *10.5*

Area Comparability Factor for Deaths .. 0.86 *0.86*

| <i>Number of Deaths</i>                               | <i>Males</i> | <i>Females</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| <i>All Ages: Total</i> .. .. .                        | 84           | 83             | 167          |
| <i>Deaths of Infants under 1 year</i> ..              | 2            | 0              | 2            |
| Number under 4 weeks of age ..                        | 1            | 0              | 1            |
| Number under 1 week of age ..                         | 1            | 0              | 1            |
| <i>Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births</i> |              | 10.0           | 30.0         |

#### COMPARISON WITH RATES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

*Birth Rate* 16.3 *16.9*                      *Death Rate* 11.9 *11.9*

*Infantile Mortality Rate* 18.0 *18.0*

(Infants under 1 year of age)

## CAUSES OF DEATH

|                                                           | <i>Male</i> | <i>Female</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| B18 Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases                | 0           | 1             | 1            |
| B19 (2) Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus                    | 2           | 0             | 2            |
| B19 (3) Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ..                    | 2           | 1             | 3            |
| B19 (4) Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine ..                  | 3           | 3             | 6            |
| B19 (5) Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx ..                     | 0           | 1             | 1            |
| B19 (6) Malignant Neoplasm, Lung,<br>Bronchus .. .. .     | 3           | 5             | 8            |
| B19 (7) Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ..                     | 0           | 2             | 2            |
| B19 (8) Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ..                     | —           | 1             | 1            |
| B19 (9) Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate ..                   | 1           | —             | 1            |
| B19 (10) Leukaemia .. .. .                                | 0           | 1             | 1            |
| B19 (11) Other Malignant Neoplasms ..                     | 3           | 6             | 9            |
| B20 Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms ..                   | 1           | 0             | 1            |
| B21 Diabetes Mellitus .. .. .                             | 1           | 0             | 1            |
| B46 (1) Other Endocrine, etc., Diseases ..                | 1           | 0             | 1            |
| B46 (3) Mental Disorders .. .. .                          | 1           | 0             | 1            |
| B46 (4) Other Diseases of Nervous<br>System, etc. .. .. . | 0           | 1             | 1            |
| B26 Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease ..                    | 0           | 1             | 1            |
| B27 Hypertensive Disease .. .. .                          | 3           | 0             | 3            |
| B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease .. .. .                       | 28          | 15            | 43           |
| B29 Other Forms of Heart Disease ..                       | 2           | 5             | 7            |
| B30 Cerebrovascular Disease .. .. .                       | 12          | 18            | 30           |
| B46 (5) Other Diseases of Circulatory<br>System .. .. .   | 5           | 7             | 12           |
| B32 Pneumonia .. .. .                                     | 6           | 7             | 13           |
| B33 (1) Bronchitis and Emphysema ..                       | 2           | 2             | 4            |
| B46 (6) Other Diseases of Respiratory<br>System .. .. .   | 0           | 1             | 1            |
| B34 Peptic Ulcer .. .. .                                  | 1           | 1             | 2            |
| B36 Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia ..                  | 1           | 0             | 1            |
| B46 (7) Other Diseases of Digestive System                | 1           | 0             | 1            |
| B46 (10) Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal<br>System .. .. .   | 1           | 2             | 3            |
| B42 Congenital Anomalies .. .. .                          | 1           | 0             | 1            |
| B43 Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc. ..               | 1           | 0             | 1            |
| B45 Symptoms and Ill-defined Conditions                   | 1           | 1             | 2            |
| BE47 Motor Vehicle Accidents .. .. .                      | 0           | 1             | 1            |
| BE49 Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries ..               | 1           | 0             | 1            |
|                                                           | <hr/>       | <hr/>         | <hr/>        |
| TOTAL (All Causes) .. .. .                                | 84          | 83            | 167          |

## SECTION 'B'

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

#### 1. HOSPITALS

The Rural District is served by hospitals under the control of the Plymouth and District Hospital Management Committee.

#### 2. LABORATORY FACILITIES

Laboratory facilities are provided by the Public Health Laboratory Service at Plymouth and by Public Analysts at Exeter.

#### 3. COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SERVICES

Under the National Health Service Act, 1946, the County Council provides the following services: domiciliary midwives, home nurses, health visitors, supervisory care of expectant and nursing mothers and children under five, ambulance services, vaccination and immunisation procedures, home-help services and the care of persons suffering from illness or mental disorders, and the after-care of such persons.

There is a Health Centre at Ivybridge and at Yealmpton.

#### 4. GENERAL MEDICAL AND DENTAL PRACTITIONER SERVICES

These are provided by practitioners living in the district and at Plymouth and in adjoining rural districts.

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## SECTION 'C'

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES

## Notifiable Diseases

Table 1

| <i>Disease</i>         | <i>Total</i> | <i>Age Group in Years</i> |              |               |                |                |                |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                        |              | <i>Under 1</i>            | <i>1 – 4</i> | <i>5 – 14</i> | <i>15 – 24</i> | <i>25 – 64</i> | <i>Over 65</i> |
| Measles .. ..          | 33           | 1                         | 14           | 17            | 1              | 0              | 0              |
| Scarlet Fever ..       | 5            | 0                         | 0            | 4             | 1              | 0              | 0              |
| Infective Hepatitis .. | 1            | 0                         | 0            | 1             | 0              | 0              | 0              |
| Tuberculosis (Lungs)   | 1            | 0                         | 0            | 0             | 0              | 1              | 0              |

Table 2

| <i>Disease</i>                    | <i>Total</i> | <i>Incidence by Quarters</i> |            |            |            |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                   |              | <i>1st</i>                   | <i>2nd</i> | <i>3rd</i> | <i>4th</i> |
| Measles .. ..                     | 33           | 2                            | 27         | 4          | 0          |
| Scarlet Fever .. ..               | 5            | 4                            | 1          | 0          | 0          |
| Infective Hepatitis (Jaundice) .. | 1            | 0                            | 0          | 1          | 0          |
| Tuberculosis (Lungs) .. ..        | 1            | 0                            | 1          | 0          | 0          |

## International Certificates of Vaccination

In accordance with the requirements of the World Health Regulations certificates of Smallpox and Cholera Vaccinations in respect of persons travelling abroad were authenticated by the Public Health Department.

## Infections Common to Farm Animals and Man

Salmonellosis amongst cattle, due to *Salmonella dublin*, was reported at eighteen farms. Three farms became infected more than once. Three animals died of the infection. All incidents were investigated by your Public Health Inspectors, or M.O.H., and no human cases of diarrhoea or sickness amongst the farm workers were discovered. Where dairy farmers were concerned, in all cases milk was sent to a creamery for pasteurisation before sale for human consumption.

PAROCHIAL DISTRIBUTION OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASE FOR THE YEAR 1969

| Disease             | Bickleigh | Brixton | Cornwood | Ermington | Harford | Holbeton | Ivybridge | Newton and Noss | Sparkwell | Shaugh Prior | Wembury | Yealmlpton | TOTALS |
|---------------------|-----------|---------|----------|-----------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|---------|------------|--------|
| MEASLES .. ..       | -         | 3       | -        | 1         | -       | -        | -         | -               | 1         | 1            | 15      | 12         | 33     |
| SCARLET FEVER ..    | -         | 3       | -        | -         | -       | -        | -         | 1               | -         | -            | -       | 1          | 5      |
| INFECTIVE HEPATITIS | -         | -       | -        | -         | -       | -        | 1         | -               | -         | -            | -       | -          | 1      |
| TUBERCULOSIS ..     | -         | -       | -        | -         | -       | -        | -         | 1               | -         | -            | -       | -          | 1      |
| TOTALS .. ..        | -         | 6       | -        | 1         | -       | -        | 1         | 2               | 1         |              | 15      | 13         | 40     |

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 AND 1951

No action was necessary for the compulsory removal and detention of persons in need of care and attention.

No persons were buried in accordance with Section 50 of the 1948 Act.

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### SECTION 'D'

## REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1969

MR. CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS,

I have pleasure in submitting this Report on the work of the Department for the year 1969.

Although in the field of Public Health there is rarely any dramatic event which changes the lives of men, the continuing efforts of all reveal in the statistics the improvement that is made. The year under review is one where the usual progress has been made.

The largest slaughterhouse in the area ceased to operate in April. This relieved the Department of the onerous six-day inspection of meat at the slaughterhouse, but the pendulum in its swing has given other matters to consider. The report shows, in fact, the total number of visits paid increased during the year.

The improvement of houses, in many cases assisted by Improvement Grants, has continued and, in fact, has increased by some 52% over the year compared with 1968.

The coming into operation of the Housing Act, 1969, has played some part in this increase, but more important is that more and more people are becoming aware of the scheme and are making enquiries about it.

At the time of writing it appears that the Government are about to place even more emphasis on the scheme.

Slum clearance remains a problem. Although the number of houses remaining to be dealt with by way of slum clearance is small, I feel that to proceed with the declaration of further Clearance Orders would be unreasonable until confirmation of earlier Orders is received and the rehousing problems are resolved.

I remain, Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Your obedient servant,

R. OSBORNE,

*Senior Public Health Inspector.*

## WATER SUPPLIES

During the year 121 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination.

The following table shows the results of the samples taken:

| Supply        | No. of samples taken | Presumptive Coliform Count per 100 ml. |                  |                   |                              |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
|               |                      | Class 1<br>(less than 1)               | Class 2<br>(1-2) | Class 3<br>(3-10) | Class 4<br>(greater than 10) |
| PUBLIC .. ..  | 100                  | 98                                     | 2                | —                 | —                            |
| PRIVATE .. .. | 21                   | 8                                      | —                | —                 | 13                           |
| TOTAL ..      | 121                  | 106                                    | 2                | —                 | 13                           |

I am indebted to the Engineer and Surveyor for the following information.

## SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Satisfactory progress has been made on the Wembury Sewerage Scheme, and it is hoped to commence further work at Heybrook Bay and Down Thomas during 1970.

The provision of soil and surface water sewers in Fore Street and Western Road, Ivybridge, has been completed and work is now in hand on the detailed design of the Sewage Treatment Works.

Work in connection with the improvement of The Fairway drainage at Newton Ferrers has been completed and approval from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government is awaited in order that further progress may be made in the preparation of the detailed drawings for the Newton and Noss Drainage Scheme.

## REFUSE DISPOSAL

Refuse collection and disposal has continued normally throughout the year, with a weekly collection being afforded to the whole district, with the exception of a few isolated properties.

## PAROCHIAL DISTRIBUTION OF NON-COUNCIL HOUSES DURING 1969

| Parish                  | No. of houses<br>completed<br>during 1969 | No. of houses under<br>construction on<br>31st December, 1969 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Bickleigh .. .. .       | —                                         | 1                                                             |
| Brixton .. .. .         | —                                         | 1                                                             |
| Cornwood .. .. .        | 5                                         | 5                                                             |
| Ermington .. .. .       | 6                                         | 4                                                             |
| Harford .. .. .         | 1                                         | —                                                             |
| Holbeton .. .. .        | 1                                         | 2                                                             |
| Ivybridge .. .. .       | 51                                        | 67                                                            |
| Newton and Noss .. .. . | 7                                         | 4                                                             |
| Shaugh Prior .. .. .    | 3                                         | 1                                                             |
| Sparkwell .. .. .       | 4                                         | 6                                                             |
| Wembury .. .. .         | 7                                         | 9                                                             |
| Yealmpton .. .. .       | 7                                         | 20                                                            |
| TOTAL ..                | 92                                        | 120                                                           |

## COUNCIL HOUSES

There are 686 Council Houses distributed as follows:

| <i>Parish</i>           | <i>Number of<br/>dwellings</i> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Bickleigh .. .. .       | 8                              |
| Brixton .. .. .         | 78<br>(including<br>1 shop)    |
| Cornwood .. .. .        | 50                             |
| Ermington .. .. .       | 6                              |
| Holbeton .. .. .        | 16                             |
| Ivybridge .. .. .       | 220<br>(including<br>2 shops)  |
| Newton and Noss .. .. . | 42                             |
| Shaugh Prior .. .. .    | 58                             |
| Sparkwell .. .. .       | 74                             |
| Wembury .. .. .         | 6                              |
| Yealmpton .. .. .       | 128                            |

## HOUSING ACTS

### SLUM CLEARANCE

Clearance Orders were made in respect of two areas during the year:

- (1) *Brixton No. 3 Clearance Order*  
(11 properties at the Wickett, Brixton)
- (2) *Shaugh Prior No. 3 Clearance Order*  
(1-16 Torycombe Cottages, Lee Moor).

### HOUSES MADE FIT

33 houses were made fit in all respects.

## SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS MADE

|                                                         |         |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| Houses inspected (Housing and Public Health Acts)       | ..      | 106   |
| Total visits for housing purposes                       | .. .. . | 680   |
| Visits in connection with Council house applications    | ..      | 79    |
| Factories                                               | .. .. . | 12    |
| Food Premises                                           | .. .. . | 197   |
| Slaughterhouses                                         | .. .. . | 289   |
| Dairies                                                 | .. .. . | 10    |
| Petroleum                                               | .. .. . | 23    |
| Explosives                                              | .. .. . | 9     |
| Infectious Disease Investigations                       | .. .. . | 20    |
| Water Supplies and Sampling                             | .. .. . | 126   |
| Ice-Cream Sampling                                      | .. .. . | —     |
| Nuisances Investigated                                  | .. .. . | 111   |
| Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act            | .. ..   | 14    |
| Rodent Control                                          | .. .. . | 4     |
| Drainage Work                                           | .. .. . | 252   |
| Noise Abatement                                         | .. .. . | 8     |
| Animal Boarding Establishments                          | .. .. . | 2     |
| Offices, Shops and Railway Premises                     | .. .. . | 72    |
| Swill Boiling                                           | .. .. . | 40    |
| Scrap Metal Dealers                                     | .. .. . | 7     |
| Total number of visits for all purposes during the year | ..      | 1,972 |

## HOUSING: IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

### *Discretionary Grants*

The following gives details of the work carried out during the year:

|                                                           |         |      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------|------|
| Number of applications made                               | .. .. . | 44   |
| Number of applications approved by the Council            |         | 44   |
| Number of houses where work was completed during the year | .. .. . | 35   |
| Average amount per house                                  | .. .. . | £339 |

## FIVE-YEAR SUMMARY OF DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

|                              | 1965 | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| No. of applications made     | 24   | 25   | 14   | 26   | 44   |
| No. of applications approved | 24   | 25   | 14   | 26   | 44   |
| No. of houses completed      | 19   | 36   | 12   | 18   | 35   |
| Average amount per house     | £302 | £284 | £344 | £309 | £339 |

*Standard Grants*

The following gives details of the work carried out during the year:

|                                           |    |    |    |      |
|-------------------------------------------|----|----|----|------|
| Number of applications received           | .. | .. | .. | 14   |
| Number of applications approved           | .. | .. | .. | 14   |
| Number of houses where work was completed |    |    |    |      |
| during the year                           | .. | .. | .. | 21   |
| Average amount per house                  | .. | .. | .. | £123 |

**EXPLOSIVES ACTS, 1875 AND 1923**

Seven store licences were issued; one premises was registered under Mode A or Mode B, and fourteen shops were registered for the storage of 'shop goods' – a term applied to all the smaller natures of fireworks which are not liable to explode violently.

**PET ANIMALS ACT, 1952**

This Act requires the licensing by the Council of any person keeping a pet shop. Two licences were issued during the year.

**DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER, 1957**

This Order lays down conditions which have to be complied with when waste foods are collected and boiled before being fed to animals or poultry.

There are 14 licensed persons operating such boiling plants in the Rural District, and each is visited twice yearly in accordance with a recommendation by the Devon County Council.

**CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960**

No major changes have occurred.

**NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960**

The freedom from heavy industry and similar sources of noise, which the district enjoys, means that few complaints are received.

**ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963**

Three licences to keep a boarding establishment were issued, the extent of the boarding in each case being on a very small scale.

## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Inspections were made of the new premises registered during the year. Visits were also made to premises from which no registration had been received to ascertain if the provisions of the Act were applicable.

Details of registrations and inspections, as sent to the Department of Employment and Productivity, are as follows:

| Class of Premises                                        | Number of premises newly registered during year | Total number of premises registered at end of year | Number of registered premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Offices .. .. .                                          | 2                                               | 9                                                  | 5                                                                                       |
| Retail Shops .. .. .                                     | 1                                               | 36                                                 | 28                                                                                      |
| Wholesale Shops, Warehouses ..                           | —                                               | —                                                  | —                                                                                       |
| Catering Establishments open to public, Canteens .. .. . | —                                               | 11                                                 | 8                                                                                       |
| Fuel Storage Depots .. .. .                              | —                                               | —                                                  | —                                                                                       |
| TOTAL .. .. .                                            | 3                                               | 56                                                 | 41                                                                                      |

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises: 73.

Analysis by work-place of persons employed in registered premises is as follows:

| Class of Workplace                            | No. of persons employed |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Offices .. .. .                               | 41                      |
| Retail Shops .. .. .                          | 82                      |
| Wholesale Departments, Warehouses .. .. .     | —                       |
| Catering Establishments open to the public .. | 36                      |
| Canteens .. .. .                              | —                       |
| Fuel Storage Depots .. .. .                   | —                       |
| TOTAL .. .. .                                 | 159                     |
| TOTAL MALES .. .. .                           | 58                      |
| TOTAL FEMALES .. .. .                         | 101                     |

### SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

Every Local Authority is required to maintain a register of persons carrying on business in their area as scrap metal dealers. At the end of the year 9 persons were registered.

Co-operation with the police has been maintained.

### RODENT CONTROL

In connection with the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, no charge was made for work carried out at private dwellings but the full cost of work at business premises was recovered.

Co-operation has been maintained with the officials of the Infestation Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and their advice is always appreciated.

For several years the Council's sewers have been almost free from rats.

Details of the work carried out during the year can be seen from the table.

|                                                                                                              | Type of Property |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
|                                                                                                              | Non-Agricultural | Agricultural |
| <b>PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS:</b>                                                                         |                  |              |
| 1. Number of properties in district .. ..                                                                    | 5,639            | 416          |
| 2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification .. .. .       | 286              | 2            |
| (b) Number infested by:                                                                                      |                  |              |
| (i) Rats .. .. .                                                                                             | 153              | 1            |
| (ii) Mice .. .. .                                                                                            | 5                | —            |
| 3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification .. .. . | 97               | —            |
| (b) Number infested by:                                                                                      |                  |              |
| (i) Rats .. .. .                                                                                             | 23               | —            |
| (ii) Mice .. .. .                                                                                            | —                | —            |

The methods advocated by the Infestation Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for the extermination of rats and mice were used, the bait bases being damp sausage rusk, bread mash, oatmeal and sugar meal, and the poisons zinc phosphide, arsenious oxide and 'Warfarin'.

## PETROLEUM SPIRIT LICENCES

The undermentioned figures apply to the period from the 1st April, 1969, to the 31st March, 1970.

### PETROLEUM SPIRIT

|                                                       |    |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Number of licences renewed during the above period .. | 30 |
| Number of new licences issued during the above period | —  |
| Number of licences transferred .. .. .                | 2  |

Although discussions have taken place regarding extensive works proposed at certain stations, no work was commenced. No contraventions were noted.

## SECTION 'E'

### MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

#### SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Two applications for the renewal of licences were received, all of which were granted.

During the year visits were made as follows:

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Slaughterhouses .. .. . | 289 |
|-------------------------|-----|

#### MEAT

The total weight of carcasses and organs found to be diseased and voluntarily surrendered was 3 tons 6 cwt. 1 qr.

Diseased meat, etc., is collected by arrangement and converted into glues and fertilisers.

**CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED  
IN WHOLE OR IN PART**

|                                                                                                                  | Cattle<br>exclud'g<br>Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep<br>and<br>Lambs | Pigs |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|------|
| Number inspected .. ..                                                                                           | 232                        | 127  | 17     | 2,794                 | 423  |
| All diseases except Tuberculosis<br>and Cysticerci:                                                              |                            |      |        |                       |      |
| Whole carcasses condemned                                                                                        | —                          | 2    | 5      | 26                    | 1    |
| Carcasses of which some part<br>or organ was condemned ..                                                        | 13                         | 72   | 1      | 1,208                 | 28   |
| Percentage of the number<br>inspected affected with dis-<br>ease other than tuberculosis<br>and cysticerci .. .. | 5.6                        | 58.3 | 35.3   | 44.2                  | 6.8  |
| Tuberculosis only:                                                                                               |                            |      |        |                       |      |
| Whole carcasses condemned                                                                                        | —                          | —    | —      | —                     | —    |
| Carcasses of which some part<br>or organ was condemned ..                                                        | —                          | —    | —      | —                     | —    |
| Percentage of the number<br>inspected affected with<br>tuberculosis .. ..                                        | —                          | —    | —      | —                     | —    |
| Cysticercosis:                                                                                                   |                            |      |        |                       |      |
| Carcasses of which some part<br>or organ was condemned ..                                                        | —                          | —    | —      | —                     | —    |
| Carcasses submitted to treat-<br>ment by refrigeration ..                                                        | —                          | —    | —      | —                     | —    |
| Generalised and totally<br>condemned .. ..                                                                       | —                          | —    | —      | —                     | —    |

**FOOD PREMISES**

Inspections of Food Premises were carried out under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, and notices served where necessary.

The number of food premises registered under Section 16, Food and Drugs Act, 1955, are as follows:

|                                             |     |
|---------------------------------------------|-----|
| the manufacture of ice-cream for sale .. .. | Nil |
| the sale of ice-cream .. ..                 | 68  |
| the manufacture of preserved food .. ..     | 12  |
|                                             | —   |
|                                             | 80  |
|                                             | —   |

By-Laws as to the handling and sale of food are in force in the Rural District. Minor contraventions were detected, but these were quickly rectified when the shopkeepers were notified.

## MILK

The number of dairies and distributors registered under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959, are as follows:

|              |    |    |    |    |    |    |       |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Dairies      | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5     |
| Distributors | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16    |
|              |    |    |    |    |    |    | <hr/> |
|              |    |    |    |    |    |    | 21    |
|              |    |    |    |    |    |    | <hr/> |

Ten visits of inspection were made during the year.

## SECTION 'F'

### FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The following is a summary of information required in respect of the year 1969:

#### PART 1 OF THE ACT

#### 1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors):

##### (i) *Factories without Mechanical Power* (Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6)

|                      |    |    |    |    |    |   |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|---|
| Number on Register   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 |
| Inspections          | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| Written Notices      | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| Occupiers Prosecuted | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |

##### (ii) *Factories with Mechanical Power* (Section 7)

|                      |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Number on Register   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 46 |
| Inspections          | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 18 |
| Written Notices      | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0  |
| Occupiers Prosecuted | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0  |

##### (iii) *Other Premises under the Act* (Section 7)

(Electric Stations, Institutions, Sites of Building Operations, Works of Engineering Construction, but excluding Outworkers' Premises)

|                      |    |    |    |    |    |   |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|---|
| Number on Register   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| Inspections          | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| Written Notices      | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |
| Occupiers Prosecuted | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0 |

## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:

| Particulars<br><br>(1)                         | Number of Cases in which<br>Defects were Found |                 |                                         |                             | Number of<br>cases in<br>which<br>Prosecu-<br>tions were<br>Instituted<br>(6) |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                | Found<br>(2)                                   | Remedied<br>(3) | Referred<br>to H.M.<br>Inspector<br>(4) | by H.M.<br>Inspector<br>(5) |                                                                               |
| Want of cleanliness                            | 1                                              | 1               |                                         | —                           | —                                                                             |
| Overcrowding                                   | —                                              | —               | —                                       | —                           | —                                                                             |
| Unreasonable tem-<br>perature                  | —                                              | —               | —                                       | —                           | —                                                                             |
| Inadequate<br>ventilation                      | —                                              | —               | —                                       | —                           | —                                                                             |
| Ineffective drainage<br>of floors              | —                                              | —               | —                                       | —                           | —                                                                             |
| Sanitary conveni-<br>ences:                    |                                                |                 |                                         |                             |                                                                               |
| (a) Insufficient                               | 1                                              | —               | —                                       | —                           | —                                                                             |
| (b) Unsuitable or<br>defective                 | —                                              | —               | —                                       | —                           | —                                                                             |
| (c) Not separate<br>for the sexes              | —                                              | —               | —                                       | —                           | —                                                                             |
| Other offences (not<br>including out-<br>work) | —                                              | —               | —                                       | —                           | —                                                                             |
| TOTAL                                          | 2                                              | 1               | —                                       | —                           | —                                                                             |





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